Commission) were considered by the State Governments/UT Administrations and action has been taken to implement many of the recommendations considered appropriate by them. Subsequently, on the direction of the Supreme Court of India, the Central Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.F. Ribeiro to review the action on the recommendations of National Police Commission, Law Commission, Vohra Committee etc. The reports of this Committee have been filed in the Supreme Court as per its directions.

(b) and (c) Modernisation of Police is a continuous process. The Central Government have been giving financial assistance and stressing upon the State Governments for modernisation of police forces constantly to meet the new challenges. The recommendations of the Padmanabhaiah Committee which *inter-alia* include various suggestions/measures on modernisation of police force have been sent to the State Governments/UT Administration for necessary follow-up action.

Increase in insurgency activities across the Border

354. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurgency activity is gradually increasing across the border;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to crush these activities; and

(c) what is the total loss of Security Forces and the civilians and the loss of property in these operations during this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) There are reports about North East militant outfits using the territory of our neighbouring countries for providing shelter and training to their cadres. The insurgency in Kashmir valley is sustained on the active support from across the border.

Diplomatic steps have been/are being taken by the Government of India with the Governments of neighbouring countries in this

regard. Also,- diplomatically Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

No anti-insurgency operations have been launched by the Government across the border during the current year.

Effective internal security situation in the country

355. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to terrorist attacks in US, the Home Ministry has decided to have an effective internal security situation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the main steps taken by the Ministry to deal the internal security;

(c) whether these steps have helped in improving internal security of the country; and

(d) if so, to what extant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Central Government constantly reviews the internal security situation in the country and has been sensitizing the State Government about threat perceptions and activities of militant and terrorist groups from time to time. Periodic meetings are also held with State Governments in order to evolve strategies to counter the designs of anti-national elements.

The Central Government convened a meeting with State Chief Secretaries and Directors Generals of Police on 5th October, 2001, followed by a meeting with all Chief Ministers on 17th November, 2001. While sensitizing the States to the various challenges in the internal security scenario of the country, attention was invited to the new dimensions of terrorism, in the wake of terrorist attacks in USA on 11th September, 2001. The possibility of use of Weapons of Mass